Joint Task force to tackle Naxalites

1827. DR. VIJAY MALLYA:
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the recommendations made by the Co-ordination Committee of the 13 Naxalite-affected States held on 17th June, 2005 at Hyderabad;

(b) whether the 13 Naxalite-affected States have arrived at a consensus to ban Naxalite organizations;

(c) whether it is a fact that Joint-Task force to tackle Naxalites has been formed; and

(d) whether Karnataka also figure among them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) The 18th meeting of the Coordination Centre, held in Hyderabad on 17.6.2005, *inter-alia*, decided to undertake Joint Inter-State anti-naxalite operations, strengthening of Task Forces/Special Police, need to effectively neutralize IED/landmine blasts, encouragement of local resistance groups/Defence Committees, special strategy for targeted districts, speedy implementation of PESA Act and land reform laws, and accelerated socio-economic development of the affected areas through special monitoring and delivery mechanisms.

(b) No such proposal was considered in the meeting. CPML-PW and MCCI, the two prominent naxalite outfits are banned as terrorist organizations under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act 1967 as amended in 2004.

(c) and (d) It was decided in the above Coordination Centre meeting to set up two Joint Inter-State Task Forces of the naxalite affected States. Karnataka is not included in these Task Forces.